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READING TO UPDATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Community Meeting on June 17, 2015 will gather local input for Hazard Mitigation Planning

READING – The Town of Reading, through the Public Services Department will be updating the 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies natural hazards, vulnerabilities and risks that affect the community and identifies proactive mitigation policies and actions to help reduce those risks. It is important to have an up-to-date plan that addresses current and historical natural hazard concerns to properly prepare and mitigate these risks.

The next step in the process will be a public forum on **Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:00PM at the Reading Police Station at 15 Union Street, Reading MA in the Community Room**. The event is free and open to the public. In advance of that meeting, we would love to hear from you! Please take a moment to complete the online survey regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan update at: <http://www.readingma.gov/community-planning-and-development-commission/webforms/hazard-mitigation-planning-survey>

The forum will encourage community residents and stakeholders to learn about current natural hazards that face Reading and help identify goals to reduce risk and vulnerability. Topics to be covered include an introduction to natural hazard mitigation planning, identification of hazards that affect Reading, a review of the 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan goals, and open discussion to hear about potential goals and actions for the future.

You may view the 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan here:

http://www.readingma.gov/sites/readingma/files/u281/hazard_mitigation_plan.pdf

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